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SUBJECT:GENERAL EXCHANGES: FLORIDA GRASS CARP SPECIALISTS
VISIT TO USSR

REF: MOSCOW 348L

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED APRIL 1,
1977, TO DR. B. G. KUTAKOV, DEPUTY CHIEF FOREIGN
RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, USSR MINISTRY OF FISHERIES.

2. DEAR DR. KUTAKOV:

WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE USSR MINISTRY OF FISHERIES WILL
COOPERATE WITH US IN OUR STUDIES OF THE ECOLOGY OF THE
WHITE AMUR (CTENOPHARYNGODON IDELLA) BY RECEIVING U.S.
SPECIALISTS IN 1977. IN OUR INITIAL CORRESPONDENCE WE
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INDICATED A DESIRE TO SEND THREE SPECIALISTS. UNFORTUNATELY
IN SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE WE REFERRED TO TWO SPECIALISTS.

IT IS EXTREMELY DESIRABLE THAT U.S. DELEGATION CONSIST OF
THREE SPECIALISTS IF POSSIBLE.

DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF:

DR. JON STANLEY, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE;
DR. DAVID SUTTON, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AND
DR. WOODWARD WILLIAM MILEY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES.

MILEY AND SUTTON WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW ON MAY 7 ON SU FLIGHT
102 AT 13:40 HOURS. THEY HOPE TO DEPART LENINGRAD FOR
HELSINKI ON JUNE 6 ON FINNAIR FLIGHT 713 AT 16:55 HOURS.

STANLEY'S TRAVEL PLANS WILL BE FORWARDED IN NEAR FUTURE.

YOUR ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING ISSUANCE OF VISAS AND
CONFIRMATION OF ITINERARY WILL BE HELPFUL. IF THERE ARE
ANY PROBLEMS PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

EARL B. BAYSINGER, CHIEF
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS STAFF

FYI DARBYSHIRE:

IN THE U.S. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE WHITE
AMUR AS A BIOLOGICAL MEANS OF CONTROLLING AQUATIC VEGETA-
TION. HOWEVER, THIS IS A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE AND STRONG,
PROFESSIONAL DIFFERENCES OF OPINION EXIST OVER THE WISDOM
OF INTRODUCING THIS SPECIES INTO U.S. WATERS. THERE IS
SERIOUS CONCERN, FOR EXAMPLE, OVER POSSIBLE COMPETITION
WITH OTHER SPECIES OF AQUATIC FAUNA AS WELL AS POSSIBLE
ADVERSE IMPACT THE SPECIES MAY HAVE UPON DESIRABLE AQUATIC
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DR. STANLEY IS THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE DELEGATION ON
THIS SUBJECT, REPRESENTS A U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND IS
FELT TO HAVE A MORE OPEN MIND ON THE QUESTION THAN THE
OTHER TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE KNOWN TO BE PROPONENTS OF THE
INTRODUCTION OF THIS FISH.

IN VIEW OF THIS, WE FEEL IT ESSENTIAL THAT STANLEY BE
INCLUDED ON DELEGATION.

EARL B. BAYSINGER
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